# COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH OVERSIGHT DIVISION

### FISCAL NOTE

<u>LR No.</u>: 1676-03 <u>Bill No.</u>: HB 773

Subject: County Officials: Surety Bonds

<u>Type</u>: Original

<u>Date</u>: March 12, 2001

## **FISCAL SUMMARY**

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS							
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004				
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0				

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS							
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004				
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0				

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS							
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004				
<b>Local Government</b>	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)				

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

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### FISCAL ANALYSIS

### **ASSUMPTION**

Officials of the Office of State Auditor stated there would be no fiscal impact to their office.

The **Nodaway County Treasurer** stated that the county currently bonds the Deputy Treasurers for \$50,000 each. Officials assume if this amount would not meet the requirements of this proposal there would be additional cost for providing sufficient bonds.

The **Texas County Clerk** stated that this proposal would cost the county approximately \$300 annually.

Oversight assumes there could be some cities or counties that do require or provide surety bonds for Deputy Collectors and Treasurers. Counties that are not currently providing bonding for these offices would realize an increase in cost of providing bonds. Oversight does not know the number of cities or counties that currently provide sufficient bonding of deputies, therefore impact to local government will be shown as \$0 to (Unknown). Fiscal impact on a statewide basis is not expected to exceed \$100,000 annually.

FISCAL IMPACT - State Government	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
	\$0	\$0	\$0
FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS			
<u>Cost</u> to Certain Cities and Counties from providing bonds for certain officials	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)

### FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

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DESCRIPTION

This act requires all deputies or assistants that are appointed by the Collector or Treasurer Ex Officio Collector to provide a bond that is approved by the collector.

The bond amount will not exceed one-half of the amount of the maximum bond required for any Collector or Treasurer Ex Officio Collector. The county or city that is being protected will provide the premium for the bond.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of the State Auditor Nodaway County Treasurer Texas County Clerk

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